

WAUKESHA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

NOVEMBER 9 , 2005

In Attendance:

Paul Barthel; Vice-Chairman; Highway Commissioner Representative
Medical Examiner Lynda Biedrzycki; Medical Representative
Specialist Steven Kraus; City of Waukesha Police Department Representative
Sergeant Kenneth Pileggi; Village of Mukwonago Police Department Representative
Sergeant Brian Ripplinger; City of Pewaukee Police Department Representative
Sergeant Mark Tushaus; City of Brookfield Police Department

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Vice-Chairman Paul Barthel at 2:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Sergeant Mark Tushaus, from City of Brookfield Police Department, made a motion to approve the minutes, and Sergeant Brian Ripplinger, from the City of Pewaukee Police Department, seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Vice-Chairman Paul Barthel stated he met with the Town of Mukwonago and they are working with the Department Of Transportation reference multiple injury accidents that occur at STH 83 and CTY I. There has been a history of accidents at that intersection, and the Department Of Transportation is in the process of placing a warning sign at that location.

OLD BUSINESS

Sergeant Mark Tushaus stated the "No Parking" signs on Lisbon have been extremely beneficial and helpful.

Also Barker Road and Fox Brook have not had any problems lately with parking.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS■ Medical

Medical Examiner Lynda Biedrzycki handed out the first five-year summary of Waukesha County Vehicular Fatalities. This covers a period from 2000 to the present. She also handed out an updated list of the Waukesha County 2005 Fatal Vehicular Accidents. There have been 35 so far this year.

W.C.T.C. offers defensive driving classroom training geared for teens on Saturday mornings; however, attendance has been slow and some classes have been cancelled, so perhaps it should be more publicized.

Sergeant Kenneth Pileggi, from the Village of Mukwonago Police Department, stated there have been more accidents occurring among the elderly. Medical Examiner Biedrzycki stated she attended a recent Police Chief's Association meeting, and Jennifer Enright-Ford RN, a nursing consultant with the Department of Motor Vehicles in Madison, gave a very interesting presentation on elder driving, and also passed out handouts from AARP. Medical Examiner Biedrzycki suggested that possibly the Traffic Safety Commission would be able to invite her to be a guest speaker on elderly safe driving at the next meeting.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

- ➡ Vice-Chairman Paul Barthel reported that the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department had two fatalities, as follows:

● Date of Accident: 09-12-05

Location: Petersen Road at Silver Spring Drive

A Chevrolet Corvette driven by a 59-year-old male was westbound on Petersen Road, crossed the centerline into the eastbound lane, struck the metal guardrail on the south side of the road, and struck a paper box located on a mailbox post. It then struck a small tree, continued westbound until striking a large tree, and then finally came to rest. The vehicle was totaled during the crash. The deceased died of head trauma and was not wearing a seat belt. Alcohol was involved.

● Date of Accident: 10-01-05

Location: CTH ES at Center Road

A westbound motorcycle on CTH ES failed to negotiate the curve in the road, which caused it to leave the roadway at the southwest corner of CTH ES and Center Road. The motorcycle then struck a concrete curb, entered a grassy area, and slid to a stop. The two occupants were thrown from the motorcycle and found a short distance away. The female operator was taken to Froedtert Hospital via Flight For Life, and the male passenger was transported to Waukesha Memorial Hospital. The passenger's injuries were very severe, and he passed away on 10-04-05 from extensive injuries due to the accident. Alcohol was involved.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS CONTINUED

- ➡ Specialist Steven Kraus reported that the Waukesha Police Department had one fatal accident:

● Date of Accident: 09-17-05

Location: Intersection of Moreland Blvd. and Delafield Street

Due to a fight in progress in front of the Waukesha County Courthouse, a suspect in a Ford van fled the scene, eluding the police at high speeds, went through the intersection of Moreland Blvd. and Delafield Street, and crashed into a Honda Interceptor motorcycle driven by a 34-year-old male. The motorcyclist went airborne from his motorcycle, struck the pavement, and slid north across the southbound lanes. He was killed upon impact with the van.

- ➡ Sergeant Mark Tushaus reported there was one fatality for the City of Brookfield.

● Date of Accident: 11-05-05

Location: Capitol Drive at Intersection with 144th Street

This accident involved three vehicles, specifically a Dodge Ram, Honda Civic station wagon, and 1990 Mazda. The fatality was a 31-year-old female, who was the driver of the Mazda. The weather conditions were very poor, consisting of hail and rain. This accident is still under investigation.

NEW BUSINESS

Sergeant Mark Tushaus stated there is a high crash rate on the westbound I-94 off-ramp to go north on Moorland. There have been approximately one hundred crashes in the last three years at that location. Sergeant Tushaus will bring up this discussion with Mitzi Dobersek, from the Department Of Transportation, at the next Traffic Safety Commission meeting.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., at the City of Waukesha Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Specialist Steven Kraus, from the City of Waukesha Police Department, made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Sergeant Brian Ripplinger, from the City of Pewaukee Police Department. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich
Waukesha County Sheriff's Department